

## Message Text

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FOR DEPUTY ASS'T SECRETARY DAVIES FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, OTRA, US, GR

SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR TASCA'S APPEARANCE BEFORE SUBCOMMITTEE

REF: CHURCHILL/TASCA TELECON, JANUARY 11, 1974; ATHENS 221

1. PURSUANT TO REFERENCED TELECON, I AM FULLY PREPARED TO DISCUSS OFF-THE-RECORD WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS HOW GREEK SITUATION LOOKS TO ME, ALTHOUGH THE DEPARTMENT HAS ALL THE INFORMATION I HAVE. HOWEVER, THE DEPARTMENT WILL WISH TO CONSIDER, IN VIEW OF THE DELICATE SITUATION PRESENTLY PREVAILING IN GREECE AND UNCERTAINTIES IN MIDDLE EAST AND MEDITERRANEAN, WHETHER IT IS WISE FOR EXECUTIVE BRANCH TO AGREE AT THIS POINT TO A PUBLIC RECORD OF A DISCUSSION ON THE INTERNAL SITUATION IN GREECE WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF EXECUTIVE BRANCH. THIS GOVERNMENT HAS SHOWN ITSELF PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE TO THIS FORM OF INTERVENTION.

2. I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO DEAL SYSTEMATICALLY WITH THE ISSUE OF APPROPRIATENESS OF AMBASSADORS TO NATO COUNTRIES BEING REQUESTED BY A COMMITTEE OF CONGRESS TO TESTIFY IN THE END FOR PUBLIC RECORD (PUBLISHED VERSION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION). DOES THIS NOT GIVE SOME CONCERN TO THE DEPARTMENT THAT SUCH A PRECEDENT MIGHT ALSO LEAD TO REQUESTS FOR DISCUSSION FOR PUBLIC RECORD OF INTERNAL POLITICAL SITUATION IN SPAIN AND PORTUGAL BY THE U.S. AMBASSADORS TO SUCH COUNTRIES?  
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